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DESPITE CONCLUDING PORTION BRITISH AIDE MEMOIRE JANUARY 13
WHICH INDICATES STRONG POSITION ON WESTERN DETERMINATION PRESERVE
RIGHTS IN BERLIN, EARLIER PORTIONS AIDE MEMOIRE SEEM CONTAIN
OVERTONES BRITISH MEMORANDUM NOVEMBER 19. WE DOUBT OUR PURPOSES
WOULD BE BEST SERVED BY INDICATING MIKOYAN AT THIS JUNCTURE
"ADVISABILITY FINDING SOME WAY ENABLE BOTH US AND THEM GET OFF
BERLIN HOOK EVEN TEMPORARILY".

MIKOYAN ALMOST CERTAIN INTERPRET SUCH STATEMENT AS RETREAT FROM
OUR NOTE DECEMBER 31 AND SOVIETS WOULD BE ENCOURAGED TAKE MORE
RIGID POSITION ON BERLIN ISSUE.

AS INDICATED IN EMBTEL 1486 WE FEEL ESSENTIAL AT LEAST FOR PRESENT
THAT WE CONTINUE INSIST OUR POSITION BERLIN NOT NEGOTIABLE AND
WE NOT PREPARE ACCEPT ANY COMPROMISE THAT INFRINGES ON OUR
RIGHTS THERE.

MOREOVER, WE QUESTION PRACTICABILITY ANY INTERIM SOLUTIONS BERLIN
QUESTION. WHAT IS VALUE OF SOVIET COMMITMENT TO INSURE THAT GDR
WILL CARRY OUT RESPONSIBILITIES ABANDONED BY SOVIETS? IF GDR
RENEGES ON RESPONSIBILITIES WHAT RECOURSE WOULD WE HAVE? ALTHOUGH
IT FAINTLY POSSIBLE OUR GARRISONS COULD REMAIN FOR AWHILE IN
BERLIN ON SUFFERANCE GDR, WE CONVINCED WE COULD NOT MAINTAIN OUR
POSITION THERE FOR VERY LONG ON SUCH BASIS.

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